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## Press Release

### West Lafayette Police Department Volunteer Receives Statewide Award

**West Lafayette, Indiana, January 23, 2013** – West Lafayette Police Department volunteer Wayne R. Merriman was presented with the 2012 Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) “Community Service Award” at the IACP Mid-Winter Conference in Indianapolis on Wednesday, January 23, 2013. The IACP receives nominations for the award annually from Law Enforcement agencies statewide. One outstanding individual is selected by the IACP Awards Committee to receive the award at the annual conference. Chief Dombkowski was in attendance at the conference when Mr. Merriman was presented with the award. “West Lafayette is fortunate to be so well served by such a dedicated volunteer as Mr. Merriman,” Dombkowski said.

Mr. Merriman has been a Volunteer for the West Lafayette Police Department since July 26, 2007. In his capacity as a volunteer Mr. Merriman assists the Records Division and Special Services Division during the morning hours, Tuesday through Thursday every week. Mr. Merriman’s duties include delivering arrest and police reports to the Tippecanoe County Prosecutor’s Office, assisting with the filing of reports, and assisting with the department’s fleet cleaning program. The many hours Mr. Merriman volunteers to the department allows our Officers and Civilian Employees to focus on other public safety concerns.

Mr. Merriman also assists with the department’s monthly Prescription and Over-the-Counter Drug Drop Off program. Even though the department restricts the Drop Off program to one date a month, it is a very labor intense program. Mr. Merriman is instrumental to the success of this program by assisting with the intake, processing and packaging for disposal of the large volume of medications that are turned in each month.

Mr. Merriman has been a resident of West Lafayette since 1966, with the exception of thirteen winters he lived in Florida and three years in Hawaii. Mr. Merriman has been married to his wife Ruth for 59 years, and together they have a daughter (Joyceann Merriman-Johnson) and a son (Allen R. Merriman). Mr. Merriman was born and raised in Mooresville Indiana where he graduated from Mooresville High School. Mr. Merriman graduated from Indiana University in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry, and he received a Masters degree in Business from Purdue University in 1972. Mr. Merriman retired from Great Lakes Chemical as Vice President of International Operations in 1988, and he retired from the University of Hawaii in 1990 after serving 2 ½ years as a Professor of Business.



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Along with the time Mr. Merriman spends volunteering for the West Lafayette Police Department, he is a volunteer at his church, St. James Lutheran, and he is a member of the Editorial Board for the Lafayette Journal and Courier newspaper.

“Wayne Merriman is an accomplished man who chooses to give back to his community through service...his steadfast contributions make our agency more efficient and our community a better place to live.” Chief Dombkowski said.

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